

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Reps. Hope, Sowerby, Tyrone Carter, O'Neal, Breen, Hood, Aiyash, Howell, Brenda Carter, Brixie, Kuppa, Koleszar, Rogers, Anthony, Cavanagh, Pohutsky, Stone and Whitsett offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the
2 United States to oppose recommendations to privatize and slow the
3 service of the United States Postal Service.

4 Whereas, The United States Postal Service (USPS) is a core
5 governmental function recognized by our founding fathers in the
6 U.S. Constitution. Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the U.S.
7 Constitution grants Congress the power to establish post offices
8 and post roads; and

9 Whereas, The USPS provides high-quality universal service
10 without taxpayer funding. The USPS receives no tax dollars and
11 funds its operations through the sale of postage products and

1 services. Even without taxpayer funding, the USPS provides
2 excellent service and consistently receives the highest approval
3 ratings of federal departments and agencies; and

4 Whereas, The USPS is a source of decent and dignified jobs in
5 the United States. The agency employs workers of all nationalities
6 from diverse backgrounds of all kinds. The USPS has more than
7 500,000 employees at the center of the \$1.4 trillion mailing
8 industry that employs 7.5 million Americans. It is also the
9 nation's second-largest employer of military veterans; and

10 Whereas, Proposals to privatize the USPS would limit service
11 and increase prices for Michigan's 32 rural counties. A privatized
12 postal service will be driven by profit and would lead to increased
13 rates and lost service for rural areas where delivery is more
14 expensive. This will enrich a few private companies at the expense
15 of rural communities in Michigan and across the country; and

16 Whereas, The current U.S. Postmaster General has proposed
17 numerous changes, including changing service standards that will
18 lead to slower delivery, plant consolidations, and reduced
19 operating hours at post offices. These changes would negatively
20 impact the agency, postal workers, and the American public; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
23 concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States
24 to oppose recommendations to privatize the United States Postal
25 Service; and be it further

26 Resolved, That we memorialize the Congress of the United
27 States to restore service standards to 2012 levels to improve
28 delivery of America's mail; and be it further

29 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the

- 1 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States
- 2 House of Representatives, the President of the United States
- 3 Senate, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.